Dues to be Received by the Land and Development Office, New Delhi

1170. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the parties from whom the Land and Development Office, New Delhi has to receive Rs. one lakh or more;

(b) since when the sum is due in each case and the amount of interest that has accrued against each party so far;

(c) the reasons due to which these dues have accumulated;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for an early recovery of these dues; and

(e) whether any rebates/concessions or writing-off of any amounts in case of some parties have been made and if so, when and to whom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Rice and Wheat Through PDS From Operational Buffer Stock

1171. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA.
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Distribution System takes nearly eight lakh tonnes of rice and six lakh tonnes of wheat every month from the operational buffer stock and this supply of both the commodities was recently reduced by nearly 80,000 tonnes per month as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 18th January, 1989; and

(b) when less ration would be supplied to the States from the Public Distribution System how will the people below poverty line and weaker sections of the society procure their deficit in ration and from where and at what prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The allocations of foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) are made to the various States/UTs. on a month to month basis taking into account the stock position in the Central Pool, market availability, past offtake trend and other related factors. The following quantities of foodgrains were allocated under PDS during the last six months:—

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Rice	Wheat
September'88	745.30	703.50
October'88	798.80	688.63
November'88	786.30	692.45
December'88	776.30	692.44
January'89	850.30	694.19
Fabruary'89	644.22	697.99

(b) The allocation of foodgrains for PDS from the Central Pool is only supplemental in nature. In view of the excellent agricultural production in the country

during 1988-89, the open market availability of foodgrains will improve and their prices stabilise.

Conversion of Land Meant For Religious Purposes into Commercial Purposes

1172. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land in Urban area given to a religious institution by Government would be used for religious, cultural and educational purposes only and if the institution wants to put the land to commercial use, it has to seek Government's permission;

(b) what is Government's policy in regard to such land under possession of Churches and Temples and what are the laws related to it;

(c) whether a case in the court of the DC of Ranchi was proceeded against the GEL Church regarding the misuse of Government land for commercial purposes;, and if so, under what policy, rules and laws and with what result; and

(d) the statewise number of similar cases at present against religious institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Much will depend upon the terms and conditions on which and the purpose for which the land has been given to a religious institution by the concerned Government.

(b) Besides any local laws to which such lands may be subject the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 provides that any vacant land held by any public charitable or Religious trust (including wakf) shall be exempt from ceiling imposed by this law as long as such land continues to be required and used by such a trust for any public charitable or religious purposes. This is a Central Law, but its day to day enforcement vests with the State Government.

(c) The information received from the Government of Bihar is enclosed as a statement (*See* below)

(d) Such information is not being maintained by the Central Government.

Statement

Facts furnished by the Government of Bihar

(1) About 121 acres of land situated in Ranchi Urban Area was transferred to the Gossner Evengelical Lutheran Church of Chota Nagpur & Assam by the Board of Trustees, on 17-6-1940 after necessary permission was granted by the then Governor General in Council. The Chief Secretary, Bihar vide order No. 1166-C dated 9-5-1940 informed the President Mahasabha about the permission of transfer. There is no mention in the document that the land in question will be used for religious and educational purposes only.

(2) It is true that a commercial commplex is being constructed on the land in question. The shops, which have been constructed, are given on lease. The upper floor is still under construction and they have not taken any permission from the Dy. Commissioner-Cum-Competent Authority, in the matter

(3) It is true that a case under the Urban Land (C & R) Act, 1976 is pending in the Court of Competent Authority. The gossner Evengelical Lutheran Church filed a statement under Section 6 (1) of the Act and a draft statement, under Section 8 of the Act, was served on them. In the meantime, they have leased out the shops which have been constructed, to different persons and no shop has been sold out. Since a case is pending against them under